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Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2017

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2017 (E/ICEF/2018/13);

2. *Appreciates* the successful outreach activities of the Ethics Office of UNICEF, which led to an enormous increase in the number of requests in 2017, and welcomes the results of the innovative Ethics Dialogue Facilitator Model, raising awareness of ethics and integrity organization-wide through facilitators and with limited resources;

3. *Requests* the Ethics Office to engage proactively in the implementation and coordination of actions against sexual exploitation and abuse of beneficiaries and sexual harassment in the workplace, in accordance with its mandate, and also requests the Ethics Office to provide dedicated and more-detailed reporting on its activities against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in its future reports;

4. *Recalls* that the Ethics Office views the operationalization of the UNICEF Child Safeguarding Policy as unfinished business, and in this regard requests the Ethics Office to provide an assessment in its 2019 annual report on progress, challenges and recommendations for improvements;

5. *Also recalls* that the Ethics Office views that there is an absence of an established policy of when, how and in what format it should be consulted on matters of ethics standard-setting and policy support, and in this regard requests the Ethics Office and management to formalize this policy, to be set out in the 2019 annual report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF;

6. *Requests* UNICEF to conduct an assessment of the level of resources provided to the Ethics Office, with a view to ensuring that the Office has the necessary resources to fulfil its mandate;

7. *Also requests* UNICEF to provide a separate management response to the key findings and recommendations of the annual report of the Ethics Office, and to submit this

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report to the Executive Board, along with the annual report of the Ethics Office, starting with the annual session of 2019;

8. *Further requests* UNICEF to share a summary of the results and recommendations of the Global Staff Survey 2017 with the Executive Board, and calls upon UNICEF to take appropriate and effective steps to further improve the speak-up culture within the organization.